
2009 CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND EVENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS



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Amstenrade

Nov. 21-22: *Winter Christmas Fair* at flower and plant nursery Castle Amstenrade in Amstenrade. Open: Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children 16 and younger free entrance.

Apeldoorn

Nov. 19-22: *Spirit of Winter Fair* – Royal enjoyment in a winter garden. The park of Palace Het Loo near the town of Apeldoorn is turned into a magical winter garden filled with all kind of winter fest ideas. The outdoor fair has many stands with lots of exclusive items such as crystal; furniture; silver; China as well as plants and Christmas decorations. The fair will show you how attractive and warm your winter home and garden can be. Entry: €15 and this includes entrance to the palace as well; children 12 and younger have free entrance. Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dec. 15-Jan. 3: At *Christmas at Palace "Het Loo"* located on Koninklijk Park 1 in Apeldoorn visitors will get a glimpse of what Christmas used to be like with the Dutch Royal Family for the past 300 years. The beautifully laid tables and yuletide greenery transform the palace in a very attractive Christmas setting. Open: Tuesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; also open on Dec. 25-26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed on Mondays. Entry: €10; children (6-17) €3.

Appelscha

Dec. 12-13: *Nostalgic Christmas Market & Winter Fair* at the attractive illuminated edge of the forest in Appelscha (Prov. Friesland) near National Park Wold with besides many stands lots of attractions and things to do! No entrance fee. Open: Dec. 12, 2-10 p.m. and Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Arcen

Dec. 12-13: During the *Scrooge Festival* in the center and at the Castle of Arcen the village is brought back to the times of Dickens. There is even a house of Scrooge located in Castle Arcen. Open: Dec. 12, 3-10 p.m. and Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3: *Winterwonderland* at the Castle and gardens of Arcen is an enchanting event in the beautiful scenery of wonderful gardens. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €16.50; children (3-11) €12.50. Take N271 Venlo-Nijmegen. Watch for signs "Kasteeltuinen".

Arnhem

Dec. 11-13: Large indoor *Christmas Market* at Rijnhal in Arnhem. Entry: €5.50; children 11 and younger have free entrance. Open: Dec. 11 & 13, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dec. 18: *Christmas Market* at Geitenkamp in Arnhem from 4-8 p.m.

Baard

Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* in the center of Baard. The market is especially known for its large offer of mistletoe and therefore also named the Mistletoe Christmas Market. Santa's reindeers will also be present. Open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bakel

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* in the center of Bakel with lots of stands, music, demonstrations and fireworks. Open: 5-11 p.m.

Beesd

Dec. 10-13: Attractive *Christmas Country Fair* at "Heerlijkheid Mariënwaerd" estate near the town of Beesd. The estate is a perfect background for this fair. The main house is open to the public; there will be choirs and more than 50 stands with a variety of Christmas articles. Sledge rides are also available. Open: Dec. 10 & 13, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Dec. 11-12, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Entry: €10; children 11 and younger have free entrance. Take A2 highway Utrecht-Den Bosch; exit at #14 Beesd. Follow signs "Kerstfair".



Belfeld

Nov. 21-22: *Winter Market* at Koninginneplein in the center of Belfeld. Open both days from 4-9:30 p.m.

Bemmel

Dec. 6: Large *Christmas Market* in the attractive center of Bemmel. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bennekom

Dec. 18-19: *Christmas Market* in the attractive village center. Open: Dec. 18, 3-9 p.m.; Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bergen

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* at the grounds around the church ruins in the idyllic town of Bergen. The market is open from noon-6 p.m. and has also entertainment, fashion shows and an indoor terrace.

Bergen op Zoom

Dec. 11-20: Large *Christmas Market* in the center of Bergen op Zoom with more than 100 stands; rides; entertainment; food tastings and more. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Dec. 11 & 18, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Beuningen

Dec. 19-20: Large *Christmas Market* with many stands, ice-skating rink, entertainment and Santa visiting in the center of Beuningen. Open: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Blerick

Dec. 13: Small but attractive *Christmas Market* in the center of Blerick. Open: noon-5 p.m.

Bocholtz

Nov. 29: *Christmas Market* in the center of Bocholtz. This is the only Market in the Netherlands where you can meet both Sinterklaas and Santa Claus. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bosschenhoofd

Dec. 13: Large *Christmas Market* with shows, entertainment, rides and more in the center of Bosschenhoofd. Open: noon-8 p.m.

Boxtel

Nov. 28: *Christmas Fair* at nature park “De Mortelen” on Oirschotseweg 15 in Boxtel with art and crafts, antiques and lots more. Open 1-9 p.m.

Breukelen

Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Breukelen (Prov. Utrecht). Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Brielle

Dec. 13 & 20: *Christmas Market* in the center of Brielle. Open: noon-5 p.m.

Dec. 18: *Candlelight Christmas Market* in the center of Brielle from 5-10 p.m.

Bronkhorst

Dec. 12-13: The *Christmas Fair* in the smallest town of the Netherlands is very nostalgic with old crafts demonstrations and lots more. Scrooge is waiting for you in the town’s Dickens Museum. Open both days 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Buren

Dec. 12-13: This *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Buren features besides the traditionally stands also many culinary stands. Open: Dec. 12, 1-8 p.m.; Dec. 13, 1-6 p.m.



De Hoef

Dec. 13: A traditional and nostalgic *Christmas Market* is held from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Church Square in the center of this picturesque little town. Santa and his reindeers will visit as well.

De Steeg

Dec. 8-13: *Christmas at Castle Middachten*. The castle near the town of De Steeg is beautifully decorated for Christmas and opens its doors to the public. A *Christmas Market* is held in the castle's outbuildings. Open all days 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Entry: €8; children (4-12) €4.

Delft

Dec. 15: The *Evening of Light* is a heartwarming event in the dark days before Christmas in the center of Delft. The city is in the spirit all afternoon awaiting the highlight of the day which is the lighting of the enormous Christmas tree on Market Square in the center. The event starts at 4 p.m.

Den Bosch/'s-Hertogenbosch

Nov. 12-15: *Christmas Creations Fair* in Brabant Hallen in 's-Hertogenbosch or Den Bosch. The indoor fair gives you hundreds of ideas how to attractively decorate your home for the festivities. Besides the many stands it also offers live music; food tastings; workshops and many nice attractions for children. Entry: €12; children 12 and younger €6. Open: Nov. 12-13, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Nov. 14-15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Deventer

Dec. 17-19: *Christmas Market* at Lebuïnuskerk in the center of Deventer. Open: Dec. 17, 2-9 p.m.; Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €2; children 11 and younger have free entrance. Entrance is on Kleine Poot 7.

Dec. 19-20: *Dickens Fest*. The historical Bergkwartier in the center of Deventer is changed into a city from Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol". Both days from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. about 350 Victorian personalities and characters from Dickens' stories will walk around the center of the town. A large *Christmas Market* is held in the center on Dec. 20.

Doenrade

Nov. 28-29: *Christmas at Villa Vieux* on Kerkstraat in Doenrade (Prov. Limburg) is a small indoor market with Villa Vieux new winter and Christmas collection and lots more. Open: Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and again 7-9 p.m. and Nov. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 6: Attractive *Christmas Market* around "de Kloes" in Doenrade. Open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Doesburg

Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Doesburg with sleigh rides and a visit of Santa Claus and Mr. Scrooge! Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dokkum

Dec. 11: Large *Christmas Fair* in the center of Dokkum. The fair has lots of entertainment and is open from 4-9 p.m.

Dordrecht

Dec. 11-13: Large *Christmas Market* in the historic center of Dordrecht. The medieval large Church and its garden are transformed into a Christmas/Winterland and the more than 250 stands on Groenmarkt and Voorstraat can't be missed. Open: Dec. 11-12, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 11-Jan. 3: *Christmas Ice Skating Rink* at Scheffersplein in the center of Dordrecht. Open: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Drunen

Nov. 27-29: The indoor *Christmas Fair* at "de Voorste Venne" on Afrikalaan 100 in Drunen is a lifestyle fair with a wide offer of antiques, home decorations, fashion, art and culinary delicacies. It is a perfect event to get



in the mood for the Holidays. Entry: €6; children 11 and younger – free entrance. Open: Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Nov. 28-29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Edam

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* in the center of the, for Edammer cheese well-known, town of Edam. Open: noon-6 p.m.

Eindhoven

Dec. 6-Jan. 3: *Wintertown* with ice skating rink, stands and lots of other entertainment in the center of Eindhoven. Ice skating rink is open: Sundays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 11-1 a.m. and Dec. 25, 26 & Jan. 1, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry: €2.50.

Dec. 19-Jan. 3: *Visit the Ice Queen* in her winter palace at Stadhuisplein in the center of Eindhoven. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed on New Year's Day.

Dec. 20-22: A *Medieval Christmas Market* can be visited at the Historic Open Air Museum in Eindhoven on Boutenslaan 161A. This market is a unique experience and visitors will have the feeling that they went back in time. Open: 1-5 p.m. Entry: €7.50; children (4-11) €3.50.

Elst

Dec. 12-13: *Christmas Market at Candle Light* in the center of Elst. The village of Elst is located between the large cities of Arnhem and Nijmegen and is because of its idyllic character the perfect setting for a Christmas Market. Open: Dec. 12, 2-10 p.m.; Dec. 13, 1-6 p.m.

Enkhuizen

Dec. 11: Attractive and traditional *Christmas Market* held in the center of historic Enkhuizen. Open: 2-9 p.m.

Geertruidenberg

Dec. 12: A small but very attractive *Christmas Market* is held from 6-9 p.m. in the center on Market Square of Geertruidenberg.

Goes

Dec. 4-6: Large indoor *Christmas Market* at Zeelandhallen in Goes. Entry: €5.50; children 11 and younger – free entrance. Open all days 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Gouda

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* at Market Square in the historic center of Gouda. Open: noon-7 p.m.

Dec. 15: *Candle-Night* in Gouda. Thousands of candles are lit in the windows of the beautiful town hall and every window of the houses around the Market Square. Highlight of the evening will be without doubt the lighting of the beautiful Christmas tree in the center of the square. This scenic event draws many people every year. Starts at 7 p.m.

Grave

Dec. 13: A *Christmas Market* in Dickens style can be found in the historic center of Grave. Open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Haarlem

Dec. 13: Attractive *Christmas Market* at Grote Markt, Botermarkt and Koningstraat in Haarlem. Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Haarzuilens

Nov. 25-29: The *Country & Christmas Fair* at Castle De Haar near the town of Haarzuilens is an attractive fair in the beautiful setting of the castle. This year is the 12th anniversary of the fair and it became one of the largest and certainly most beautiful Christmas and Lifestyle fairs in The Netherlands with more than 200 stands with exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 25-28, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry: €16; children (12-16) €9.



Hardenberg

Nov. 27-29: *Winter Fair 2009* is an attractive indoor fair held at Evenementenhal on Energieweg in Hardenberg. Open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry: €8; children 11 and younger €4.

Hattem

Dec. 11: *Cozy Winter Market* in the center around the Grote Kerk in Hattem. Open: 2-9 p.m.

Heeswijk-Dinther

Dec. 13: *Christmas at Castle Heeswijk* in Heeswijk-Dinther near Den Bosch. The castle, beautifully decorated, is the perfect setting for a traditional *Christmas Market*. Open: noon-5 p.m. Entry: €6.

Heiligerlee

Dec. 11-12: Indoor *Christmas Market* at the bell-foundry museum in Heiligerlee. The museum is located in the old bell-foundry manufactory on Provincialeweg and it is a unique location for a Christmas Market. Open: Dec. 11, 2-9 p.m. and Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Helmond

Dec. 13: *Dickensnight* in the center of the Brandevoort quarter in Helmond. The center is changed into a market from England in the 1850s. Victorian personalities and characters from Dickens' stories will walk around as well and there is besides an attractive *Christmas Market* also lots of entertainment. Open: 2-8 p.m.

Hilversum

Dec. 12: *Winter Fair* at Zonnestraal Estate in the forest and heath of Hilversum. The fair is held at a former sanitarium designed by the wellknown Dutch architect Duiker. Open: 2-10 p.m.

Dec. 12-13: *Christmas Market* at Oudehaven (harbor) and Havenstraat in Hilversum. The market has more than 150 stands and lots of entertainment and shows. Open both days noon-10 p.m.

Horst

Dec. 12-13: An attractive *Winter Wonder Christmas Market* with lots of activities, entertainment and stands of course is held at the scenic castle ruins on Kasteellaan in Horst. Open: Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hulst

Dec. 11: From 6-10 p.m. attractive *Christmas Market* in the fortified city of Hulst.

Kaatsheuvel

Dec. 12-Jan. 31: *Winter Efteling* at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park in Kaatsheuvel near Tilburg offers good old-fashion winter fun. Open: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed on Jan. 1. Entry: €28.

Kerkrade

Dec. 5-6, 12-13 & 19-20: *Christmas at the Abbey Rolduc* near Kerkrade. An international nativity exhibition combined with an old crafts Christmas and specialties market with a 900 year old abbey as background must be unique! Open: noon-6 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children €2.

Limbricht

Nov. 22: *Christmas Market* at the inner-court of Castle Limbricht in Limbricht near Sittard. Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €1.50.

Lisse-Keukenhof

Dec. 10-13: A *Christmas Fair* is held in and around Castle Keukenhof across the famous gardens and near the town of Lisse. The court and Castle are nicely decorated and at the more than 100 stands you will find besides



the usual Christmas decorations and articles; accessories and delicacies also (of course) plants and flowers. The Castle itself can also be visited. Open: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Entry: €6.50.

Maaskantje/Den Dungen

Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* on Sint-Jacobusstraat in Maaskantje near Sint-Michielsgestel. This cozy market has many stands with all kind of Christmas articles; there is a Christmas pub; live music and demonstrations of old crafts. Open: 3.30-8:30 p.m.

Maastricht

Nov. 28-Jan. 3: *Winterland* at the Vrijthof Square in the center of Maastricht is fun for young and old. The Vrijthof is transformed into a large ice-skating rink. There are many traditional and nostalgic attractions and a *Christmas Market*. Winterland is open daily from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dec. 6: *Christmas Antique & Flea Market* held around the beautiful Town Hall on Market Square in the center of Maastricht. Open: noon-5 p.m.

Naaldwijk

Dec. 11-12: Attractive indoor *Christmas Market* at the restored Oude Kerk on Wilhelminaplein (square) in Naaldwijk. Open: Dec. 11, 4-9 p.m. and Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Naarden

Nov. 12-15: The *La Table Fair* is held at Grote Kerk in the center of the fortified city of Naarden. This attractive Christmas Fair features festive table settings. Over 50 exhibitors display antique and modern china, silverware, glassware, wines and more. Entry: €15; children 13 and younger have free entrance. Open: Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Nov. 14-15, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dec. 12: *Christmas Market* from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Ruysdaelplein in the center of fortified Naarden.

Neede

Dec. 11-13: A *Midwinter Fest* is held in and around Spilbroekhal in Neede.

Nieuwleusen

Nov. 29: *Winter & Christmas Market* with lots of regional and local delicatessen. Open: 2-9 p.m. Special to the fair is the "Trucks by Night" parade, which is similar to the Coco-Cola commercial.

Nijkerk

Dec. 12: Attractive *Christmas Market* is held in the historic center of Nijkerk. Don't be surprised when you see old miser Scrooge and other Dickens characters walking around on this nostalgic market. Santa will be present as well. Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nijmegen

Dec. 20: *Christmas Market* in the center of Nijmegen from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Noordwijk-Noordwijkerhout

Nov. 21-22: *Leeuwenhorst Christmas Fair*. Hotel Leeuwenhorst on Langelaan between the towns of Noordwijk and Noordwijkerhout near the beach is the perfect setting for this Christmas Fair with Christmas decorations, exclusive delicacies, wines and lots more. Entry: €7.50; children (4-10) €1.50. Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dec. 19-20: Attractive and large *Winter & Christmas Market* in the center of Noordwijk. Open both days 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oud Kampen

Dec. 18-19: *Christmas in Oud Kampen*. In this weekend the old center of Oud Kampen is changed into a real Christmas town with a Christmas Market; theater; food tastings and lots more. Open both days 5-10 p.m. No entrance fees.



Ravenstein

Dec. 12: *Ravenstein at Candlelight*. Starting at 3 p.m. a Christmas Market can be found at the small squares in the center of Ravenstein. At 7 p.m. when the church bells ring all lights will go out and everyone in the center will light candles in the windows of the historic buildings. Ravenstein at candlelight is an attractive event and worth a visit.

Rolde

Nov. 28-29: *Christmas Market* in the center of Rolde. The fair has, besides of course the many stands with Christmas articles, also folklore, theater, song, music, and old crafts from English past. Open: Nov. 28, 4-10 p.m. and Nov. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 11-12: *Christmas Market* in and around the Church in Rolde. Open: Dec. 11, 4-9 p.m.; Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Rotterdam

Nov. 20-22: *Swedish Christmas Fair* at Swedish Naval Church (Zweedse Zeemanskerk) on Parklaan 5 in Rotterdam. This is the opportunity to buy Swedish quality items, handcrafts, Christmas decorations, glass, textiles, food and sweets. Coffee with Swedish cinnamon buns, cakes, sandwiches, gluhwine and gingerbread is served! Open: Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Nov. 21-22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nov. 27-30: Indoor *Finnish Christmas Market* at Finnish Naval Church (Finse Zeemanskerk) on 's-Gravendijkwal in Rotterdam with lots of Finnish articles and delicacies. Open: Nov. 27, 4-9 p.m.; Nov. 28, 1-9 p.m.; Nov. 29-30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. No entrance fees.

Dec. 12: A nice and cozy *Christmas Market* can be found around "Oude Kerk" (Old Church) on Charloisse Kerksingel in Rotterdam. Open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Schoonhoven

Dec. 18: A very special *Christmas Market* will be held in the Harbor and center of Schoonhoven. Open: 2-9 p.m.

Slochteren

Dec. 12-13: *Swedish Christmas Market* at the beautiful Fraeylemaborg Estate in Slochteren. Open: Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children 11 and younger free entrance.

Thorn

Dec. 13: The indoor *Christmas Market* at "De Grote Hegge" Manor in the white city of Thorn is considered the largest in the region. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €2.50; children 11 and younger – no entrance fee. An outdoor *Christmas Market* is held in the historic center of Thorn from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Utrecht

Nov. 20-26: The indoor *Winter Fair* held in Jaarbeurs in Utrecht gives visitors a taste of the coming festive month. Entry: €18.50. Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* on Twijnstraat in the center of Utrecht. Open: noon-8 p.m.

Dec. 18-Jan. 3: *Christmas at the Train Station*. This unique Christmas Market is held at the "Nederlandse Spoorwegmuseum" (Dutch Railway Museum) in Utrecht. The beautiful illuminated coaches and the festively decorated platforms are a perfect setting for this Christmas event. Open daily from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. except on Dec. 24-26 & 31 the museum is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed on Jan. 1. Entry: €14.50; children (3-12) €11.50.

Dec. 25-30: *Christmas Country* in Veemarkthallen in Utrecht is the largest indoor amusement park in the Netherlands with a circus; shows; fair; fairy tales; indoor terraces and lots more. Open every day from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry is €15; children €12 but this gives you entry to all rides; attractions; shows and of course the circus.



Valkenburg

Nov. 20-Dec. 31: *Valkenburg – Christmas Town.* Visiting the picturesque town of Valkenburg during the winter months is like stepping into the story of Charles Dickens. Romantically illuminated streets, decorated Christmas trees and beautiful Christmas songs bring this little town alive. Enjoy the only Dutch town in real Christmas settings: in one of the many cozy restaurants and pubs, in the beautifully decorated shops, at the fine hotels, the sights and of course the unique Christmas markets in the caves.

Nov. 20-Dec. 22: *Christmas Market* in Fluwelengrot (Velvet Cave) on Daalhemmerweg in the center of Valkenburg. A unique Christmas Market held in the caves under the castle ruins. Open: weekdays, noon-8 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Entry: €4; children (4-11) €1.50.

Nov. 20-Dec. 23: Another *Christmas Market in a cave* is located in Gemeentegrot on Cauberg 4 in the center of Valkenburg. Open on weekdays, noon-9 p.m. and in weekends, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Entry: €4; children (4-11) €2.

Velden

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* in and around the church in the center of town. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Veldhoven

Dec. 13: From noon-5 p.m. *Christmas Market* in the center of Veldhoven.

Westerbork

Dec. 11-13: *Medieval Christmas Market* at Museum Inn “De Ar” on Hoofdstraat in Westerbork. Open: Dec. 11, 6-10 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2-10 p.m.; Dec. 13, 2-6 p.m.

Wezup

Dec. 11-13: The *Christmas Market* in the picturesque village of Wezup, between the towns of Emmen and Westerbork, is unique because it is held along and around several farms and has a rural character. As soon as it is dark the path along the old farms will be lighted by candles. Entry and parking is free. Open: Dec. 11, 7-10 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2-9 p.m.; Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wijk bij Duurstede

Dec. 13: *Christmas Market* in Dickens style in the historic center and the Castle of Wijk bij Duurstede. Open: noon-5 p.m. Free entrance.

Wychen

Dec. 12-13: The *Christmas Market* in the center of Wychen is open both days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and has besides stands many other activities.

Zeewolde

Nov. 28: *A Winter Fair at the Farm.* Family Los opens their farm on Tureluurweg 5 in Zeewolde every year for a small fair with a extensive offer of art, antiques, unique decorations, homemade candles, glass, china, old English silver-plate, quilts, jewelry and more. You are of course also invited to look into the stables and pet the animals. Free entrance. Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zeist

Nov. 27-29: The *Winter Exposition “Jewelry”* at Castle Zeist on Zinzendorflaan 1 in Zeist (Prov. Utrecht) is a unique and festive fair with the most beautiful jewelry on display which all could be perfect Christmas presents. Entry: €15; children 13 and younger – free entrance. Open all days 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Zwolle

Nov. 20-22: *Indoor Christmas & Winter Fair* at IJsselhallen in Zwolle. The large halls are transformed into an enchanting Christmas village where one can find an elaborate selection of furniture, lifestyle products, delicatessen, antiques, art and lots more. Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €8; children 11 and younger €2.50.



Special Event Pure Nostalgia in Limburg

Christmas Express

Dec. 6, 12-13 & 19-20: On these days it is possible to travel to the Christmas Markets in Valkenburg (Limburg) in a very nostalgic way. Park your car at the train station in Simpelveld or Maastricht and climb aboard on one of the luxury first class carriages. The historic steam train will take you on a wondrous and relaxing journey through the beautiful Limburg scenery to the center of the Christmas City of Valkenburg. For tickets, reservations and more information go to www.zlsm.nl or call 0031-(0)45-5688120.

Old-fashioned steam train rides with Christmas and New Year

Dec. 26-27 & 31: On these days you can enjoy a nostalgic winter fairy tale. A nostalgic steam train is very appropriate scenery for this special time of year. Enjoy a relaxing ride in the plush seats of the attractively decorated first class carriages. The train travels through the wonderful landscape of the hills of Limburg. The carriages are still heated in the old fashioned way and on the platform of Simpelveld (Limburg) station you can enjoy a glass of Glühwein or hot chocolate. On Dec. 26 Santa Claus will visit Simpelveld as well. For more information and for advance bookings and reservations go to www.zlsm.nl or call 0031-(0)45-5688120.





Valkenburg Christmas Market - Netherlands

Valkenburg Christmas Market (Netherlands) - Only 20 minutes from USAG Schin-
 nen. This market is inside sandstone caves that, besides seasonal items, has a cafe
 and features artwork from miners and World War II Soldiers.

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